of the nature referred to in sub-heads (4) and (5), through the activity of the Agricultural Superintendent? I am asked to refer to the *Annual Reports*. It is the duty of the Government to see whether any improvement has been effected.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Hon'ble Member's attention is drawn to the several *Annual Reports* placed on the table. If he has not the patience to go through those papers, I am afraid I cannot give him any further information.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—My question was whether the Government was trying to find out whether there was any improvement in agriculture of the nature referred to, and if the Government is aware of the same, I request the necessary answer may be furnished to me.

President.—Do not the *Reports* show all the improvements?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I could not find the same.

Work in the Agricultural Department.

455. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing.—

(i) The number of requests for advice on Agricultural matters received in the Agricultural Department during the last five years;

(ii) The number of instances in which advice sought for has been given;

(iii) The number of instances in which the advice given was adopted with success;

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is not possible to give the information asked for, as no such statistics were maintained by the department.

Deterioration of Agriculture due to the export of fish manure.

456. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Has the Government ever considered that the agriculturists of the State are put to great difficulty owing to vast export of fish manure from the State? If so, what step has been taken by the Government to stop the same?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes. No step was taken in the matter, and the remedy lies with the agriculturists themselves.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—In reply to my question, it has been stated that the matter lies with the agriculturists themselves. May I know what is that step which the Agricultural Department is going to take? Could they not purchase these fish manures and store it?

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